Please delete claims 3, 5, 6, 7 and 10, and amend claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, and 11, as follows:

Please amend Claim 1 with the clean version directly following:

Claim 1. (Amended Thrice) A method of modulating the activity of metabotropic glutamate receptors, said method comprising:

contacting said receptors with at least one compound having the structure **A-L-B** or enantiomers, diastereomeric isomers or mixtures of any two or more thereof, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, in an amount sufficient to modulate the activity of said excitatory amino acid receptor, wherein:

A is thiazolyl optionally substituted with 1 or 2 independent halogen, substituted or unsubstituted hydrocarbyl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl, heterocycle, mercapto, nitro, carboxyl, carbamate, carboxamide, hydroxy, ester, cyano, amine, amide, amidine, amido, sulfonyl or sulfonamide;

L is alkynylene; and

B is substituted or unsubstituted aryl.

Please amend Claim 2 with the clean version directly following:

Claim 2. (Amended Twice) The method according to claim 1, wherein said excitatory amino acid receptor is a Group 1 metabotropic glutamate receptor.

Please amend Claim 4 with the clean version directly following:

Claim 4. (Amended Thrice) A method for treating metabotropic glutamate disease conditions, said method comprising:

administering to a patient having a disease condition a therapeutically effective amount of at least one compound having the structure **A-L-B** or enantiomers, diastereomeric isomers or mixtures of any two or more thereof, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein:

A is thiazolyl optionally substituted with 1 or 2 independent halogen, substituted or unsubstituted hydrocarbyl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl, heterocycle, mercapto, nitro, carboxyl, carbamate, carboxamide, hydroxy, ester, cyano, amine, amide, amidine, amido, sulfonyl or sulfonamide;

L is alkynylene; and

B is substituted or unsubstituted aryl.

Please amend Claim 8 with the clean version directly following:

Claim 8. (Amended Twice) The method according to claim 4, wherein said disease condition is neuropathic pain, chronic pain, acute pain, painful diabetic neuropathy, post-herpetic neuralgia, cancer-associated pain, pain associated with chemotherapy, pain associated with spinal cord injury, pain associated with multiple sclerosis, causalgia and reflex sympathetic dystrophy, phantom pain, post-stroke (central) pain, pain associated with HIV or AIDS, trigeminal neuralgia, lower back pain, myofacial disorders, migraine, osteoarthritic pain, postoperative pain, dental pain, post-bum pain, pain associated with systemic lupus, entrapment neuropathies, painful polyneuropathies, ocular pain, pain associated with inflammation or pain due to tissue injury.

Please amend Claim 9 with the clean version directly following:

Claim 9. (Amended Thrice) A method for preventing pain in a subject at risk thereof, said method comprising:

administering to said subject a therapeutically effective amount of at least one compound having structure **A-L-B** or enantiomers, diastereomeric isomers or mixtures of any two or more thereof, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein:

A is thiazolyl optionally substituted with 1 or 2 independent halogen, substituted or unsubstituted hydrocarbyl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl, heterocycle, mercapto, nitro, carboxyl, carbamate, carboxamide, hydroxy, ester, cyano, amine, amide, amidine, amido, sulfonyl or sulfonamide;

L is alkynylene; and

B is substituted or unsubstituted aryl.

Please amend Claim 11 with the clean version directly following:

Claim 11. (Amended Thrice) A pharmaceutically acceptable salt form of a compound, said compound having the formula **A-L-B** or enantiomers, diastereomeric isomers or mixtures of any two or more thereof, wherein:

A is thiazolyl optionally substituted with 1 or 2 independent halogen, substituted or unsubstituted hydrocarbyl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl, heterocycle, mercapto, nitro, carboxyl, carbamate, carboxamide, hydroxy, ester, cyano, amine, amide, amidine, amido, sulfonyl or sulfonamide;

L is alkynylene; and

B is substituted or unsubstituted aryl; and

the salt is acetate, adipate, alginate, aspartate, benzoate, benzenesulfonate, butyrate, citrate, camphorate, camphorsulfonate, cyclopentanepropionate, digluconate, dodecylsulfate, ethanesulfonate, fumarate, glucoheptanoate, glycerophosphate, heptanoate, hexanoate, 2-hydroxyethanesulfonate, lactate, malate, maleate, methanesulfonate, 2-naphthalenesulfonate, nicotinate, oxalate, tartrate, toluenesulfonate, undecanoate, sulfate, bisulfate, hemisulfate, hydrochloride, hydrobromide, hydroiodide, an ammonium salt, an alkali metal salt, an alkaline earth metal salt, a dicyclohexylamine salt, N-methyl-D-glucamine, phenylethylamine, or an amino acid salt.